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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above referenced application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please amend the abstract as follows:

Abstract of the Disclosure

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 A bill acceptor for a gaming machine including a receiving zone for receiving a tendered bill. A sensing device is arranged at an input region of the receiving zone for sensing at least one characteristic of the bill. A controller is in communication with the sensing device for receiving an output signal from the sensing device. An annunciator is controlled by the controller to be activated when a bill acceptance rate of the controller drops below a predetermined threshold.